

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended.

Claims 1-46 and 48-49 are pending. Claims 2, 7, 20-23, 25, and 27 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 8-9, 24, 26, 28, and 48-49 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

A phone interview was conducted with the Examiner on May 20, 2005 and claims 1-46 and 48-49 were discussed with respect to the cited references. The Examiner agreed to reconsider the present application as amended.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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